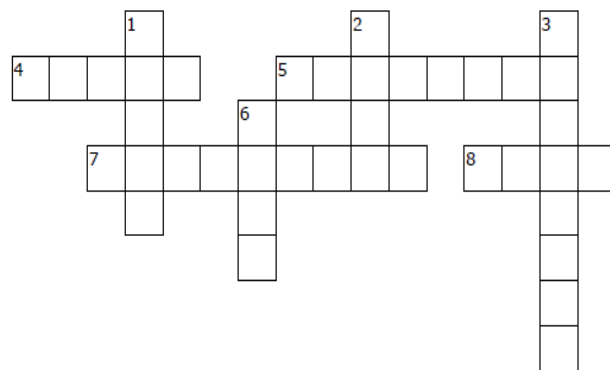


Our Lady of Lourdes Children's Corner
5th Sunday of Easter 2 May 2021



ACROSS

4. Praise or honor
5. A person who works with plants and flowers
7. Those who follow Jesus
8. A plant that climbs or creeps along the ground

DOWN

1. The part of a vine or tree which is eaten
2. The opposite of false
3. Arms that grow out from the trunk of a tree
6. Burning flame

FRUIT	FIRE	BRANCHES	GLORY
TRUE	DISCIPLES	GARDENER	VINE

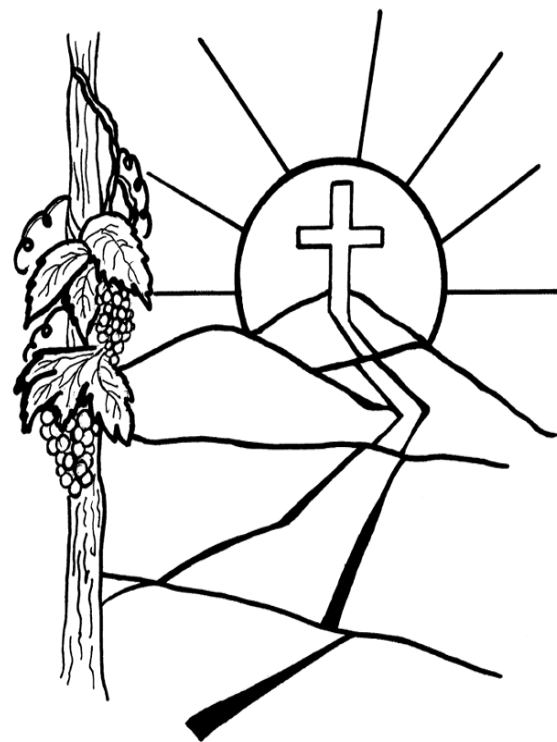


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GARDENER	BRANCHES	TRUE	VINE
PRUNES	REMAIN	BEAR	FRUIT

I am the Vine—You are the Branches
John 15:1-18

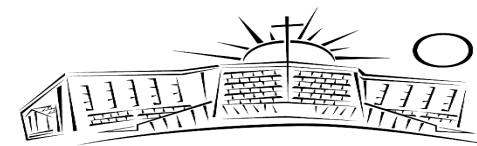


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BURNED	WITHERS	GARDENER	GLORY	BRANCH
FIRE	THROWN	WORDS	PRUNES	CLEAN
TRUE	FRUIT	REMAIN	VINE	BEAR

"I am the vine; you are the branches.
If a man remains in me and I in him, he
will bear much fruit; apart from me you
can do nothing.
This is to my Father's glory, that you
bear much fruit, showing yourselves to
be my disciples."

John 15:5, 8 (NIV)



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

"Still a wonderful place to pray & stay."

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WEEKDAY MASS Tuesday-Friday 8.00am
WEEKEND MASS Saturday Vigil 6pm
Sunday 8am & 9.30am

RECONCILIATION Saturday 4.30-5.30pm
BAPTISMAL PREPARATION 19th May 2021 7.30pm
BAPTISMS 2nd & 4th Sunday 11am

Fifth Sunday of Easter Year B — 2 May 2021

All are welcome to join us for **Our Lady of Lourdes, Seven Hills, Sydney, NSW, Australia Facebook LIVE-STREAM WEEK-END MASSES** celebrated by **Fr. Henry Huu Duc Tran** on **Saturdays 6PM (Vigil), Sundays: 8AM, 9:30AM and 5PM (Vietnamese) AEDT (UTC +11):** <https://www.facebook.com/LOL7Hills/>

REMINDER

KEEP COVID SAFE

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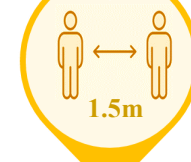
MASKS

Masks are strongly
advised, but optional



SANITISE

Use hand sanitizer
upon entry and exit.



DISTANCE

Please maintain
social distancing at
all times. Including
when lining up for
Holy Communion.



SIGN IN

By Law, EVERYONE must
SIGN IN. If the church
has reached the MAX.
capacity of 150 people,
please proceed to Hall.



MARKED
SEATING

Please sit behind the
WHITE TAPE or in
family designated
areas.

IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING ANY FLU LIKE SYMPTOMS PLEASE STAY HOME AS THE MASS IS STILL AVAILABLE ON LIVE-STREAM THROUGH OUR OLOL FACEBOOK PAGE.

PLEASE HELP US KEEP OUR PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS TO THE CHURCH SAFE.

Let us Pray for the Sick



Chula Abey, Leonila Ahillon, George Alagiah, David Barrow, David Benjamin, John Bourke, Lina Cabaero, Barrie Chamberlain, Gabriel Chung, Myrna G Cruz, Paul Daniel, Melvin Fernandes, Ronald Gomez, Milroy Gunewardena, Anthony Janicska, Wendy & Klaus, Anslan Lawrence, Angelina Lee, Spencer Leon, Cynthia Lopez, Carmenu M, Gerard Marcello, Marie Marchand, Maria V, Mark McGilligan, Blago & Dragica Milicevic, Laurel Morris, Anna Mun, Ananda Nayana, Patricia Ore, Lekisha Grace Panlilio, Roger & Kimberley Payoe, Wiranjan Peiris, Salome Pillay, Debra Price, Camy Ratnam, Susantha Seranayake, Bernie Sivapatham, Rose Stambouliah, Pummalin Sumcad, Denis Symon, Lourdes Tibig, Sue Tipaldo, Natalie Woodward.

If you would like to add to our Sick List or know of any Parishioner that is unwell please contact Father Henry or the Parish Office on 9622 2920. We can also arrange for Holy Communion or a visit if required.

Let us Pray for the Deceased

Recently Deceased: Ramon Aismal, Rachel Ampu, Celilia Apwra, Miriam Bussetill, Aloyseon Corera, Elias Fortaleza, Mary Mifsud, Danidee Nailat, Roza Nalongo, Rosa & Nelson Ngan, Christopher Nordista, Adiodato Palmos, Josefina Roque, Alberto Vasquez.

Anniversaries: Nicola Caniglia, Simeon & Valentina Carlos, John Cini, James Daly, Betty Daly, Zoltan Gartner, Richard Hope, Giovanni La Rosa, Richard Lin, Nicanor & Tomasa Maepayo, Rosa Mancina, James McNally, Anton Motha, Paul Mula, Jose Reyes, Lucy Vasquez, Elena Zoratto.

Remembrance: France Angseesing, Milagros Asprer, Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Inocencia Datuin, Sharon & John Lawrence, Felina Apolinario Maglaya, Pauline Meilak, Cay-etana Mendoza, Lourda Motha, Stephen & Louis Mula, Mary & Muscat family, Lolita Ramos, Roseline Ratnam, Jose Sanchez, Jim & Alison Vella, Natalie Vella.

Planned Giving Program

On behalf of the Parish Community, I would like to thank you so much for your ongoing support, which has been very vital to keep our Parish going strong. Current projects being including the Hall Kitchen renovation, Parish Meeting Room painting, Parish Office and Meeting Room Roof painted, Church roof cleaned and ceiling repaired and painted.

ON-LINE BANK DONATIONS

BSB: 067 950;
Account Number 000552;
Account Name: Seven Hills Catholic Church.
(please include your NAME and ENVELOPE NUMBER in the reference description, or write DONATION if you haven't joined the Planned Giving Prog.

IN-PERSON BANK DEPOSIT (at a Bank Institute/Branch)

Seven Hills Catholic Church
BSB: 062 315
Acc Id # - 00901486
AGENT # - 660
Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hel-lenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus. The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.
May their hearts live for ever and ever! (R.)

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations worship before him.
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. (R.)

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:
'These things the Lord has done.' (R.)

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St John 3:18-24

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 15:1-18

Jesus said to his disciples:

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples." and then you will be my disciples.'



PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the
Most Blessed Sacrament of the altar.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least into
my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Pope Francis at audience: Meditating is a way of encountering Jesus

By Fr. Benedict Mayaki, SJ

For a Christian, Pope Francis said at the General Audience, "to 'meditate' is to seek meaning: it implies placing oneself before the great page of Revelation in order to try to make it our own, taking it in completely." Therefore, having welcomed the Word of God, a Christian does not keep it closed up inside, because that Word must meet with "another book," which the Catechism calls "the book of life." This, the Pope affirmed, "is what we attempt to do every time we meditate on the Word." The Holy Father dedicated his catechesis on Wednesday to meditation as a form of prayer.

Meditation is a need for everyone

The Pope highlighted that the practice of meditation has received great attention in recent times by almost all the religions of the world, including Christianity, and is even widespread among people who do not have a religious vision of life. "We all need to meditate, to reflect, to find ourselves," he said. "Especially in the voracious Western world, people seek meditation because it represents a high barrier against the daily stress and emptiness that is everywhere." He further added that it is a phenomenon to be welcomed, because we possess an interior life that cannot always be neglected.

Prayer is an encounter

The Word, "once accepted in a Christian context, takes on a specificity that must not be erased," the Pope explained. Here, Jesus Christ is "the great door through which the prayer of a baptized person passes" and the practice of meditation also follows this path. When a Christian prays, Pope Francis explained, they do not aspire to full self-transparency nor seek the deepest core of their ego. Rather, the prayer of a Christian is, first of all, an encounter with the 'Other.' Therefore, "if an experience of prayer gives us inner peace, or self-mastery, or clarity about the path to take, these results are, one might say, side effects of the grace of Christian prayer which is the encounter with Jesus," he said.

Methods of Christian meditation

Pope Francis went on to note that the term "meditation" has had different meanings throughout history, including within Christianity where it refers to different spiritual experiences. However, the Catechism of the Catholic Church helps to trace some common lines by highlighting that "there are as many and varied methods of meditation as there are spiritual masters... But a method is only a guide; the important thing is to advance, with the Holy Spirit, along the one way of prayer: Christ Jesus." In this regard, he highlighted the many methods of Christian meditation: "some are very sober, others more articulate; some accentuate the intellectual dimension of the person, others rather the affective and emotional," he pointed out. However, "all of them important and worthy of practice, inasmuch as they can help the experience of faith to become a total act of the person" because people do not only pray with their minds or their feelings.

The method is a road, not a goal

Further illustrating his message, Pope Francis recalled that the ancients used to say that "the organ of prayer is the heart" to explain that it is the whole person, starting from his or her center – not only some of their faculties - who enters into a relationship with God. At the same time, "we must always remember that the method is a road, not a goal," he stressed. "Any method of prayer, if it is to be Christian, is part of that *sequela Christi* [following Christ] which is the essence of our faith." Citing the Catechism of the Church, Pope Francis noted that "meditation engages thought, imagination, emotion, and desire. This mobilization of faculties is necessary in order to deepen our convictions of faith, prompt the conversion of our heart, and strengthen our will to follow Christ. Christian prayer tries above all to meditate on the mysteries of Christ."

Christ is not far away

The grace of Christian prayer is that "Christ is not far away but is always in relationship with us," Pope Francis affirmed. This is because "there is no aspect of the divine-human person that cannot become for us, a place of salvation and happiness," he said. Thus, "every moment of Jesus' earthly life, through the grace of prayer, can become contemporary with us" and there is no page in the Gospels in which there is no place for us. In this manner, thanks to the Holy Spirit, we too are present at the river Jordan when Jesus is baptized, we are diners at the wedding feast of Cana when Jesus gives the best wine for the happiness of the couple, we too witness in amazement the thousands of healings performed by Our Lord. At the same time, "we are the cleansed leper, the blind Bartimaeus who regains his sight and Lazarus who comes out of the tomb." For us Christians, the Pope concluded, "meditating is a way of encountering Jesus. And in this way, only in this way, can we find ourselves."

'Pope Francis at Regina Coeli: Jesus defends, knows, and loves

By Vatican News staff writer

Pope Francis prayed the Regina Coeli on Sunday and addressed the faithful, linked Pope Francis on Sunday greeted the faithful gathered in St Peter's Square for the recitation of the Regina Coeli prayer.

The Pope reflected on the Gospel according to John in which Jesus is presented to us at the true shepherd who *defends*, *knows* and *loves* his sheep.

Jesus defends

The "mercenary", he said, is His opposite, as he only works for money and does not truly care for the sheep. When a wolf arrives, the Pope explained, he flees and abandons them. "Instead, Jesus, the true shepherd, *defends* us and saves us from so many difficult, dangerous situations through the light of his word and the strength of his presence that we experience especially in the Sacraments", said the Pope.

Jesus knows

Jesus also *knows* his sheep and the sheep know Him, said the Pope. To Jesus, he continued, "we are not a 'mass' or a 'multitude'" but "unique individuals". Each one of us, has been "created and redeemed by Christ". He knows us as no other and "in Him, the image the prophets provided of the shepherd of the People of God is completely fulfilled: he is concerned about his sheep, he gathers them, he binds their wounds, he heals their ailments", said the Pope.

Jesus loves

The Pope then went on to say that "above all" Jesus "*loves* his sheep". This is why He gives his life for them, explained the Pope: "Love for his sheep, that is, for each one of us, would lead him to die on the cross", and Christ's love is not selective; it embraces everyone. "Jesus wants everyone to be able to receive the Father's love and to have life", he said.

Christ's universal mission

Bringing his catechesis to a close, Pope Francis noted that the Church is called to carry on this universal mission of Christ. "Beyond those who participate in our communities there are many people who do so only at particular moments or never. But this does not mean they are not God's children, whom the Father entrusts to Christ the Good Shepherd", said the Pope. Finally, the Pope stressed, once again: Brothers and sisters, Jesus *defends*, *knows* and *loves* each of his sheep.

Pope Francis to Poor Claires: Never tire of offering prayerful and consoling presence

By Fr. Benedict Mayaki, SJ

Pope Francis on Monday met with the religious sisters of the Poor Clares' Convent of St. Clare of Paganica, outside the Italian city of L'Aquila.

In his greetings to the nuns, the Holy Father thanked them for the support they give him through their prayers, and also expressed gratitude for the gift of the Easter Candle that they decorated for the Chapel of Casa Santa Marta.

He highlighted that the nuns are spiritually present at the celebrations taking place at the chapel through their gift of "the symbol of Christ, the light of the world."

God's loving care and solidarity amid tragedy

Pope Francis recalled the April 2009 earthquake that rocked the Poor Clares' community in Paganica, injuring several nuns and causing destruction to the monastery.

He also remembered that among the quake's victims was Abbess Mother Gemma Antonucci, who died under the rubble. In spite of that, the Pope noted, "God made you emerge from that tragedy strengthened and, like the grain of wheat that must die in order to bear fruit, so it was also for your monastic community."

"You experienced great pain, but also the loving care of your heavenly Father and the solidarity of many people," he said. He pointed out that on that night of the incident, the nuns lost everything "except God and fraternity". From these points, they set out again with courage, establishing themselves first in a temporary structure, before reconstructing the monastery ten years after.

A fresh start

Now, he said, "your community is flourishing, composed of twelve nuns, all young." Pope Francis added that, in the face of tragedy, the message the nuns have given is to "start afresh from God and from fraternal solidarity." The Holy Father went on to encourage the Poor Clares never to tire of being a prayerful and consoling presence in support of the people who have been sorely tried by the terrible experience and are still in need of comfort and encouragement. "May the example of Blessed Antonia help you always to be poor and joyful women for love of the poor Christ," the Pope prayed, urging them at the same time, to respond with generosity to the desire that God has placed in their hearts as consecrated women in adherence with the Gospel, in fidelity to the charism received from St. Clare and St. Francis. The Holy Father concluded the audience by imparting his Apostolic Blessing and invoking the light and strength of the Holy Spirit upon the nuns. He also enjoined them to pray for him and for the whole Church.



FROM FR. HENRY DUC

As we introduce ourselves to others, our conventional standard is to let people know our name and sometimes our profession if we have an impressive portfolio to showcase, none of us would be brave and creative enough to go as far as Jesus has done for two consecutive Sundays: Last week he called himself the Good Shepherd, and this week the True Vine.

We did spend a little bit of time with the Good Shepherd last Sunday, so let's talk about the True Vine, the key image Jesus utilized for his self-revelation to the disciples in the Gospel for this fifth Sunday of Easter.

As we know, grape vines were plentiful in the land of Palestine in Jesus' time, and vine-growers were expected to work very hard not just to prepare the soil and plant the vine, but also to build a fence of stones to keep wild animals out of the vineyard, and a watchtower to keep watch over unwanted guests, and even construct a wine press and vat to turn grapes into wines. Apart from fertilizing their vines, vine-growers had to prune them regularly and trim away dead branches to help the vines grow stronger and healthier.

All in all, we can be assured that Jesus' disciples should be no strangers to images such as the vine and the branches, their connectedness and works of pruning needed to be done to make them fruitful. Hopefully they might be able to also unpack the spiritual message he aimed to convey to them, that unless they stay connected to him, their spiritual life will be nothing but lifeless as dead branches, which are good for nothing but being cut down to make room for new branches and new growths. Consequently spiritual fruits will be brought forth for the Father, defined by Jesus as the vinedresser to harvest and turn into wines of grace and goodness.

Inspired by such a highly symbolic story of the Gospel today, let us ask the Risen Christ for his blessings and support to keep us closely connected to him, our life-giving Vine at all times, so that we, his branches, will remain alive, healthy, and productive seen through the many grapes of our good words and deeds. Let us also ask for the wisdom, the strength and the courage to identify areas of our lives we need trim down to make ourselves grace-filled and spiritually fruitful.

Have a spiritually- fruitful week.

Fr Henry

PARISH NEWS...

National Count of Mass attendance

Throughout all the weekends of May, our parish is invited to take part in the National Mass Count project starting from this weekend 1st and 2nd of May, 2021.

For the very last weekend of the Mass Count, you will be asked to share with the Committee your age group and Mass attending frequency, such as weekly, fortnightly, monthly or occasionally.

Thank you everyone for your patience and co-operation.



Lourdes Over 50's meeting will be held in the Parish Hall on Thursday 13th May from 10.30am till 1.00pm. Covid-19 restrictions apply. Please bring your own packed lunch to comply with current restrictions, tea and coffee supplied. Visitors and new members most welcome.

Glenbrook Parish Women's Retreat: 12 June

St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook, is hosting a women's retreat filled with peace, prayerfulness, adoration, Mass, Reconciliation, guest speakers and praise and worship. It will be held at the parish on 12 June from 8.30am to 8.30pm. Registration is \$60, and with places limited, register now at <https://forms.gle/KkBaTAvm1qkYYCzm8>. For enquiries, email beloved2021info@gmail.com



ITS COMING BACK -TAI CHI & QIGONG for health and well being

Wednesdays in the Parish Meeting Room. Watch this space for more details to come.



Are you ready to jump start your mandatory Safeguarding training?

Introduction to Safeguarding Training

The Diocese of Parramatta is launching new online Safeguarding training for all parish staff and volunteers. Zoom sessions to introduce the training will be held 2pm-3pm on May 5. More information to follow or email Sonia Fingleton at the Diocese at Sonia.fingleton@parracatholic.org

From February 2021 all Parish employees and volunteers, working with children and vulnerable adults, will be required to undertake Safeguarding Training to earn mandatory points toward individual competencies (varying requirements for different roles) and ensuring each Parish fulfills the Safeguarding accreditation process.



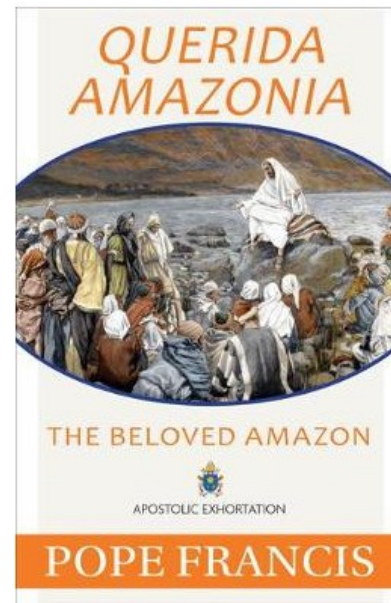
FROM POPE FRANCIS

CHAPTER FOUR: SOCIAL AND SPIRITUAL INCULTURATION

75. Given the situation of poverty and neglect experienced by so many inhabitants of the Amazon region, inculturation will necessarily have a markedly social cast, accompanied by a resolute defence of human rights; in this way it will reveal the face of Christ, who “wished with special tenderness to be identified with the weak and the poor”. Indeed, “from the heart of the Gospel we see the profound connection between evangelization and human advancement”. For Christian communities, this entails a clear commitment to the justice of God’s kingdom through work for the advancement of those who have been “discarded”. It follows that a suitable training of pastoral workers in the Church’s social doctrine is most important.

76. At the same time, the inculturation of the Gospel in the Amazon region must better integrate the social and the spiritual, so that the poor do not have to look outside the Church for a spirituality that responds to their deepest yearnings. This does not mean an alienating and individualistic religiosity that would silence social demands for a more dignified life, but neither does it mean ignoring the transcendent and spiritual dimension, as if material development alone were sufficient for human beings. We are thus called not merely to join those two things, but to connect them at a deeper level. In this way, we will reveal the true beauty of the Gospel, which fully humanizes, integrally dignifies persons and peoples, and brings fulfilment to every heart and the whole of life.

[Pope Francis, Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation QUERIDA AMAZONIA—to the people of God and to all persons of good will.]



Pope Francis’ Prayer to Mary during the coronavirus pandemic

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus’ pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of all People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. *Amen.*

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God.

Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger,



Our Lady of Lourdes

Ever immaculate Virgin, Mother of mercy, health of the sick, refuge of sinners, comfort of the afflicted, you know my needs, my troubles, my sufferings; cast on me a look of pity. By appearing in the grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary, from which you dispense your favours, and already many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and physical. I come, therefore, with the most unbounded confidence to implore your maternal intercession. Obtain most loving mother, my requests, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. *Amen.*

	May 2021	
6	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
6	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
7	Young Adults Group Meeting	7.00pm
9	Mother’s Day	
10	St Vincent de Paul Meeting	7.00pm
12	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	7.30pm
13	Lourdes Over 50’s Meeting	10.30am

DIOCESAN NEWS

SATURDAY SESSIONS

GROW & SHARE FAITH

Watch the presentation & join in the online conversation Saturday 9.15am or Monday 7.15pm

1ST & 3RD MAY 2021
WHAT’S A SIGN FROM GOD (AND WHAT ISN’T)
FR MIKE SCHMITZ



REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL TO ACCESS LINKS

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CatholicCare Blacktown Neighbourhood Aid Volunteers Needed

Blacktown Neighbour Aid, a program with CatholicCare, is looking for volunteers to support our senior clients in the Blacktown area to remain living independently in their own home. If you feel you would like to make a positive difference to other’s lives in this way, please contact the Manager, Deb Woolacott on 0418 114 055 or email deb.woolacott@ccss.org.au.

DIOCESAN NEWS



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In collaboration with



Community is encouraged to donate generously to our annual

RAMADAN FOOD DRIVE



RAMADAN FOOD DRIVE: MAY 2021

The Lourdes Young Adults Group have teamed up with the Ismaili Muslim Civic (Young Adults) Seven Hills for the annual Ramadan Food Drive as a gesture of solidarity between the two neighbouring faith communities during the holy month of Ramadan. Parishioners are invited to donate non-perishable items in the boxes at church which will be donated to Vinnies Blacktown the weekend of Eid Al-Fitr (End of Ramadan) May 16. The following items are suggested for donations: Cereal, dry pasta, rice, muesli bars, snack packs, long life milk, tinned items (with pull rings) - protein items, soup, fruit, vegetables, meals.

1/2 May 2021		
Acolytes	Vigil: 8am: 9.30am	Derek Soares Eugene Miu Ian Epondulan
Ministers	Vigil: 8am: 9.30am	Jemma Sarmiento, Rosey Soares Anne McNally, Michael Mifsud Anna Bellissimo, Sarah Lenthall
Readers	Vigil: 8am: 9.30am	Benno Motha, Catherine Rodrigues Pepito Ferriols, Priya Joachim Laura Bellissimo, Crystal Menezes
Altar Servers	Vigil: 8am: 9.30am	Caron Cyril, Jesseline Franco, Edvin Grover Amelia Herczeg, Joshua Herczeg, Rynan Michael, Rachel Lobo,
Flowers	Fenty, Gaby and Flo	
Church cleaning	5 May	Carole Brooks, Lourdes Spiteri, Suzi Nemorin
Welcomers	Vigil: 8am: 9.30am	Annette Peatman, Suzy Nemorin, Maria Michael

8/9 May 2021		
Acolytes	Vigil: 8am: 9.30am	John Jordan Louis Fernandes Kilifi Huihui
Ministers	Vigil: 8am: 9.30am	Charmain Jansz, Marinela Simic Lorrain Fernandes, VOLUNTEER Noel Emmanuel, Kamela Huihui
Readers	Vigil: 8am: 9.30am	Noreen Rosario, Jemma Sarmiento Nina Arambulo, Pepito Ferriols Christina Diaz, Jeanine Nonato
Altar Servers	Vigil: 8am: 9.30am	Alexander Bateman-Paul, Thomas Osbourne Zachary Osbourne Diana Park, Philip Park, Sean Park , Eric Da, Victor Da, VOLUNTEER
Flowers	Priya & Claudette	
Church cleaning	13 May	Cathy Hutchings, Melvyn Fernandes, Annette Peatman, Sandy Manamperi
Welcomers	Vigil: 8am: 9.30am	Judith Deloso, VOLUNTEER Suzy Nemorin, VOLUNTEER Kathy Chamberlain, Lena Falzon